

The W E A V E Symposium:

9.00 AM until 12.30 and 1.15 to 3.00PM, Friday 13th May 2011, The Exchange, Brick Row, Stroud, GL5 1DF

The purpose of the symposium is to share information about the canal corridor and in particular flag-up projects and aspirations relating to it so as to develop a strong community vision for how the restoration can act as a catalyst for rural and urban enterprise, landscape, town and heritage conservation, learning and outdoor recreation.

The symposium is an opportunity to input ideas, liaise with other groups and organisations and find out more about the national and local context for helping influence the kind of future that the canal could help deliver for Stroud and its rural hinterland. The morning session will be followed by a project development workshop

Programme

9 00	Arrivals and Coffee	
9 30	Welcome and background: the opportunity	Neil Carmichael, MP
9 40	Introduction to the day: realising the opportunities	Max Comfort, Stroud Common Wealth
9 50	External Perceptions of Stroud	Elena Marco, University West of England
10 05	The Traders' Views	Carole Garfield, Chamber of Trade
10 10	Mapping Projects; weaving the opportunities	Participatory exercise
11 30	Coffee and look at the drawing	
11 45	The Cotswold Western Corridor – Landscape Connections	Mark Connelly, Cotswold Conservation Board
11 55	Natural England – supporting the Landscape Community, Localism and Green Infrastructure	Val Kirby, Natural England
12 15	Developing a Community Vision and Narrative	Richard Keating
12 30	Project Delivery based on Social Identity	Edward Nash, Nash Partnership
1 45	Lunch	
2 00	Project Clusters	Participatory exercise
2 40	Feedback and next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• policy and strategic framework• project milestones• collaboration<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ fund-raising◦ sharing information◦ future up-date event	Participatory exercise
3 15	Thanks and Close	Max Comfort

Followed by tea and biscuits